

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-10. (canceled).

11. (currently amended): A magnetic tape cartridge comprising a generally rectangular cartridge case in which a single reel wound with a magnetic tape is rotatably housed,

wherein a magnetic tape drawing-out port, which becomes a passage for drawing out said magnetic tape from said cartridge case and rewinding said magnetic tape into said cartridge case, is provided on a side surface of said cartridge case at a position apart from a corner of said cartridge case, said position apart from said corner being located between a position corresponding to a screw hole used for assembling upper and lower cases and provided in the corner of said cartridge case, and a position corresponding to a reference hole that is provided in an outer periphery of a surface of said cartridge case in the vicinity of a central portion of said cartridge case,

~~wherein the surface of said cartridge case that is provided with said reference hole is not a side surface of said cartridge case~~
wherein said surface of said cartridge case that is provided with said reference hole is perpendicular to a rotary axis of said single reel housed in said cartridge.

12. (previously presented): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 11, wherein a drawing-out member is provided at one end of said magnetic tape and said magnetic tape is drawn out of said magnetic tape drawing-out port by said drawing-out member.

13. (Original) The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 11, wherein a central position of said magnetic tape drawing-out port is located at a position apart from the corner of said cartridge case by a distance equivalent to approximately one quarter of an edge length of the side surface of said cartridge case.

14. (previously presented): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 12, wherein said drawing-out member is a leader block which fits in said magnetic tape drawing-out port and forms a part of said side wall when the leader block is in a state of disuse.

15. (currently amended): A magnetic tape cartridge comprising a generally rectangular cartridge case in which a single reel wound with a magnetic tape is rotatably housed, wherein a magnetic tape drawing-out port, which becomes a passage for drawing out said magnetic tape from said cartridge case and rewinding said magnetic tape into said cartridge case, is provided on a side surface of said cartridge case at a position apart from a corner of said cartridge case, said position apart from said corner being located between a position

corresponding to a screw hole used for assembling upper and lower cases and provided in the corner of said cartridge case, and a position corresponding to a reference hole that is provided in an outer periphery of a surface of said cartridge case in the vicinity of a central portion of said cartridge case,

~~wherein the surface of said cartridge case that is provided with said reference hole is not a side surface of said cartridge case~~wherein said surface of said cartridge case that is provided with said reference hole is perpendicular to a rotary axis of said single reel housed in said cartridge,
and

wherein a drawing-out member is provided at one end of said magnetic tape and said magnetic tape is drawn out of said magnetic tape drawing-out port by said drawing-out member.

16. (currently amended): A magnetic tape cartridge comprising a generally rectangular cartridge case in which a single reel wound with a magnetic tape is rotatably housed,

wherein a magnetic tape drawing-out port, which becomes a passage for drawing out said magnetic tape from said cartridge case and rewinding said magnetic tape into said cartridge case, is provided on a side surface of said cartridge case at a position apart from a corner of said cartridge case,

wherein a drawing-out member is provided at one end of said magnetic tape and said magnetic tape is drawn out of said magnetic tape drawing-out port by said drawing-out member,
and

wherein said drawing-out member is fitted in said magnetic tape drawing-out port to be fixed when said magnetic tape cartridge is in a state of disuse,

wherein said position apart from said corner being located between a position corresponding to a screw hole used for assembling upper and lower cases and provided in the corner of said cartridge case, and a position corresponding to a reference hole that is provided in an outer periphery of a surface of said cartridge case in the vicinity of a central portion of said cartridge case, and

~~wherein the surface of said cartridge case that is provided with said reference hole is not a side surface of said cartridge case~~wherein said surface of said cartridge case that is provided with said reference hole is perpendicular to a rotary axis of said single reel housed in said cartridge.

17. (previously presented): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 16, wherein said drawing-out member forms a part of said side wall when said magnetic tape cartridge is in a state of disuse.

18. (previously presented): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 16, wherein said magnetic tape drawing-out port is closed by means of said drawing-out member when said magnetic tape cartridge is in a state of disuse.

Claim 19 (canceled)

20. (previously presented): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 16, wherein a central position of said magnetic tape drawing-out port is located at a position apart from the corner of said cartridge case by a distance equivalent to approximately one quarter of an edge length of the side surface of said cartridge case.

21. (previously presented): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 16, wherein said drawing-out member is a leader block which fits in said magnetic tape drawing-out port and forms a part of said side wall when the leader block is in a state of disuse.

Claims 22-24 (canceled)

25. (previously presented): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 14, wherein said drawing-out member is fitted in said magnetic tape drawing-out port and fixed in said magnetic tape drawing-out port when said magnetic tape cartridge is in a state of disuse.

26. (previously presented): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 16, wherein said drawing-out member is fitted in said magnetic tape drawing-out port and fixed in said magnetic tape drawing-out port when said magnetic tape cartridge is in a state of disuse.

27. (currently amended) The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 11, wherein an axial direction of said reference hole is parallel to a said rotary axis of said single reel housed in said cartridge.

28. (currently amended): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 15, wherein an axial direction of said reference hole is parallel to a said rotary axis of said single reel housed in said cartridge.

29. (currently amended): The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 16, wherein an axial direction of said reference hole is parallel to a said rotary axis of said single reel housed in said cartridge.

30. (new) The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 11, further comprising a second reference hole provided in said outer periphery of said surface,

wherein an axial direction of said reference hole and an axial direction of said second reference hole is parallel to said side surface, said reference hole located closer to said corner of said cartridge case than said second reference hole, and said magnetic tape drawing-out port

located between said position corresponding to said screw hole and said position corresponding to said reference hole.

31. (new) The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 15, further comprising a second reference hole provided in said outer periphery of said surface,

wherein an axial direction of said reference hole and an axial direction of said second reference hole is parallel to said side surface, said reference hole located closer to said corner of said cartridge case than said second reference hole, and said magnetic tape drawing-out port located between said position corresponding to said screw hole and said position corresponding to said reference hole.

32. (new) The magnetic tape cartridge according to claim 16, further comprising a second reference hole provided in said outer periphery of said surface,

wherein an axial direction of said reference hole and an axial direction of said second reference hole is parallel to said side surface, said reference hole located closer to said corner of said cartridge case than said second reference hole, and said magnetic tape drawing-out port located between said position corresponding to said screw hole and said position corresponding to said reference hole.